Withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka

2310. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions have been received by Government for the withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, from which sources such suggestions have been received; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such suggestion have come from, *inter alia* extremist elements in Sri Lanka, LTTE sympathisers in Sri Lanka and elsewhere and political personalities and organisations in Sri Lanka and India.

(c) Government have taken note of these suggestions. The IPKF has been sent to Sri Lanka at the invitation of the Sri Lanka Government to assist in the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement and to ensure the safety and security of all communities in the North-Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. The duration of IPKF's stay in Sri Lanka has to be seen in this perspective.

Problems of DTC commuters

2311. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the growing problems of Delhi commuters arising due to the unbated rude behaviour of the drivers and conductors of private buses running on DTC routes, overloading and non-stoppage of buses at proper stops, continuous running of dilapidated and uncleaned buses and teasing and molestation of women passengers, etc.; and

(b) if so, what measures are contemplated by Government to improve the situation and to put an end to the growing menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) In order to ensure that the commuters are not put to difficulties and to improve the operations of services by privately operated buses on DTC routes, the steps taken by DTC on continuing basis, include engagement of only the roadworthy buses, strict adherence to maintenance and inspection schedules, setting up of complaint-receiving centres at regional headquarters and other important places for quick follow-up action and strengthening of on-line checking by traffic supervisory staff and strict action against the defaulters.

Anticipated growth rate of Indian Airlines domestic and tourist air traffic

2312. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual growth rate of the Indian Airlines domestic and tourists air traffic, the existing growth anticipated by 1990-91;

(b) what is the number of aircrafts proposed to be acquired by 1990-91 to meet the demand and what is the expenditure involved;

(c) what is the number of aircraft, out of the existing fleet, which require replacement, the number of planes which are actually in opeation at a time and those which are grounded for want of repairs etc; and

(d) what are the details of the plans, if any, drawn by Government for the procurement of aircraft in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The actual annual